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Subject: 1998 Monitoring Well reports, ABA Report, Kennecott Tailings Impoundment; Ground Water Discharge Permit No. UGW350011

Dear Ms. Doughty:

This letter is in part an introduction to the newly assigned lead person here at Water Quality, as well as an attempt to update ourselves on a couple of outstanding issues. As you are aware, John Whitehead is no longer part of the Ground Water Section here at the Division of Water Quality. His replacement is Keith Eagan, MS Geology, and has been assigned the North Area. After some file review and meeting with the folks at DOGM, two outstanding issues have been identified. The first is: what is the status of the 1998 Tailings Impoundment monitoring reports? Second: what is the status with the follow up to the ABA analysis for the north Tails area, and subsequent analysis of this data? The ABA reports we have on file are two years old, with language stating further work is forthcoming. The data on the ABA is insufficient for DOGM to conclude whether or not reclamation can proceed on the tails cap.

I look forward to continued cooperation between Kennecott and DWQ concerning water quality and issued permits. Should you at any time have questions concerning these permits and their implications, please call me at 538-6017.

Sincerely,

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